

CAMP PENDOLA'S PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

Camp Pendola exists to build lasting relationships and teach stewardship of God's creations through Christian community living in the outdoors.
Camp Pendola's Mission Statement

Camp Pendola, a resident camp, is owned by the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento. The program gives campers an opportunity to develop an appreciation of the out-of-doors, an opportunity to develop as an individual and an opportunity to participate in small group Christian living with their peer group.

The leadership must be mature and trained in order to accomplish the goals. The activities are of the type that create a sense of stewardship of the environment; emphasizes the small group as well as the individual; emphasizes the acceptance of differences in people; and is a loosely structured, child-centered approach.

Camp Pendola serves young people between the ages of six to seventeen. Camp Pendola is open to all children without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin or economic status.

Camp Pendola resident camp operates during the months of June, July, and August. From September through May, Camp Pendola is also available for retreats and other programs.

PENDOLA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Campers at Pendola have five areas in which they may grow.

1. TO INSTILL A REVERENCE AND SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP OF ALL LIVING THINGS
To understand that it is one's Christian duty to protect all of God's creatures
To enjoy natural surroundings
To gain in understanding of the necessity of conservation and its effect upon the environment
To practice keeping the environment clean
To learn to live in and with natural surroundings without disturbing them and returning them to their natural state.
2. TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES THAT CHALLENGE EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO THEIR SKILLS AND ABILITIES
To develop skills and abilities in the out-of-doors
To grow in knowledge
To use creative abilities through art, music, writing, and speaking experiences
To have adventures in new activities
To have an opportunity to release tensions in a productive and useful manner
3. TO EXPERIENCE SMALL GROUP CHRISTIAN LIVING
To be able to participate in small group activities
To meet new people
To learn about trust, love and being sensitive for others in their group and in camp
To participate in a democratic decision-making process in each cabin, each session, called camper planning.
To have time to relax

4. TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO DEEPEN ONE'S FAITH
 - To take part in Camp Pendola's prayer life
 - To have opportunities to help other people
 - To have time to reflect on the past and present and to plan for the future
 - To have an opportunity for quiet/reflective times each day

5. TO GROW AND DEVELOP AS AN INDIVIDUAL
 - To learn to make decisions as an individual and as a part of a group
 - To be given an opportunity to accept and carry out responsibilities
 - To be given an opportunity for self-realization and to develop a better self concept
 - To have an opportunity to live away from home
 - To develop and practice personal skills such as neatness and personal hygiene
 - To be able to participate in large group activities
 - To have fun for the sheer joy of it